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Hi,

I would just like to complain about the proposed MS settlement. The idea seems to be that Microsoft is legally entitled to bribe the only market segment that to date it has not dominated - education.

It makes no sense to me. I think it is very important that a firm like MS should be treated as any other otherwise people will continue to lose faith in the government and cynicism will prevail.

MS is not an evil company, but it does what it can get away with. I would be grateful if you could play your part in refocusing the efforts of this group of talented people towards competing by producing better goods rather than doing so by throwing its commercial and political weight around.

There is no doubt in my mind that this will enhance, rather than reduce, the effectiveness of the US economy - read the recent articles in the 'economist' for one of the most unbiased assessments to date.

Thanking you in advance,

David Stansell.

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